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SPENCE APPOINTS COMMITTEE PANEL TO ASSESS TERRORIST THREATS

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Floyd Spence today announced appointment of the new special oversight panel of the Committee on Armed Services to assess the nature of the terrorist threat facing U.S. armed forces and national security interests.

“The threat of terrorism against U.S. servicemen and women and American interests abroad is real and growing,” said Spence. “This threat is exacerbated by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the spread of sophisticated military-related technologies to rogue regimes seeking to use those technologies against us. I believe creation of this special oversight panel will strengthen the committee’s ability to understand the nature of these threats and what steps we must take as a nation to prepare against such threats.”

The panel will be chaired by Congressman Jim Saxton (R-NJ), and Congressman Vic Snyder (D-AR) will serve as Ranking Democrat. “Congressman Saxton’s expertise and years of experience on this issue makes him an ideal candidate to chair the panel,” said Spence. “I am confident that Mr. Saxton, working with Congressman Snyder, will work to bring about much needed focus on this important topic resulting in an increased awareness and understanding by the Congress and the American people of this growing national security threat.”

The complete panel membership will be as follows:

Jim Saxton, Chairman
Duncan Hunter
Curt Weldon
Herbert Bateman
Roscoe G. Bartlett
Saxby Chambliss
Jim Gibbons
Robin Hayes
Floyd D. Spence, Ex Officio

Vic Snyder, Ranking Member
Gene Taylor
James H. Maloney
Mike McIntyre
Robert E. Andrews
Baron P. Hill

Ike Skelton, Ex Officio

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